

May 23, 1975

PRESIDENT: Do you want to close debate Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Incredible as this sounds, Senator Barnett, the liquor lobby may be working on this but I certainly am not aware of that being the concerns I have. You listened to the committee hearings. You've been on a committee with me, what 4 or 5 years now, when we've worked on this problem. You have heard my concerns. You have heard my questions at people. The whole question gets down to a philosophical thing of just how far society can do to help people to protect them against themselves. Now I certainly understand your goals. Your goals are simple. To make sure that we don't have any people that have an alcoholic problem. Well that's fine and that's noble. You say this is only the start. Maybe those are the key words, because pick any of these other programs where the federal government decides to solve peoples personal problems, they're only a start 2 or 5 or 7 years ago. Today they're mammoth programs that are creating runaway inflation that are slowly making it certain that government is going to do everything for you in every aspect of your life. A start. One million dollars for openers. The penny a gallon tax on alcohol certainly isn't my concern. If you want to make a 5 cent a gallon, or \$5 a gallon tax, on alcohol, go to it. As long as the money doesn't just go to create more government power which comes more into our individual lives. I urge you to bracket the bill. As I say I took this measure rather than attempting to kill it because I think it gives all of you time to examine in depth this very serious problem; also an even more dangerous solution that's trying to be started.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 237 be bracketed. Record your vote. We are under . . . we're still on Final Reading so please stay in your chairs. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 26 nays to bracket Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Read the bill.

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PRESIDENT: We're under Final Reading. All Senators are to be in your chairs.

CLERK: I move to suspend Rule 6, Section 6 (b), and consider all bills set for Monday, May 27th, today, May 23rd. Signed, Speaker, J. W. Burbach.

PRESIDENT: It is the 89th day Senator.

SPEAKER: I want to apologize to the body that this was one of the things we did not do before we took up these bills on Final Reading today. I move for the adoption of . . . to suspend the rules and continue with Final Reading for today.